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Letter dated 5 December 1994 from the Permanent Representative of Croatia to the United Nations addressed to the Secretary-General

In addition to my previous letters dated 4 October and 9 November 1994 (A/49/473-S/1994/1129 and A/49/655-S/1994/1272 respectively), I have the honour to refer to your letter dated 1 December 1994 addressed to the President of the Security Council (S/1994/1372) and its annex.

The Government of the Republic of Croatia is seriously disturbed by the fact that the report of the Co-Chairmen of the Steering Committee of the International Conference on the Former Yugoslavia regarding their Mission to the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" does not contain further information on the illegal practice of facilitating fuel shipments from the "Federal Republic of Yugoslavia (Serbia and Montenegro)" through territory held by Bosnian Serbs in the Republic of Bosnia and Herzegovina, into the occupied territories of Croatia, as was the case in their previous report dated 2 November 1994 (S/1994/1246, annex).

The information available to my Government suggests that the "arrangements" established by the Co-Chairmen are still in place, and that the fuel continues to be shipped from Serbia and Montenegro to the occupied territories of Croatia with no interruption, and without any reporting of the quantities or the verification of end-users, who are suspected to include the Bosnian Serbs. This situation is exacerbated by the ongoing offensive by the Bosnian Serb forces aided by the Serb paramilitary forces from the occupied territories of the Republic of Croatia in and around the "safe-area" of Bihać. Further, my Government strongly objects to the illegal ICFY arrangements, in particular since it is contrary to the spirit of the Agreement concluded with the local authorities on the occupied territories (S/1994/1375, appendix I). We would like to remind you that Security Council resolution 820 (1993) remains in force, in spite of the failed attempt to reconfirm the applicability of some of its relevant provisions, due to the veto cast by a permanent member of the Council.

This problem, however, is not going to disappear because it is not reported on. I would like to remind you that the request expressed in the letter by my Foreign Minister on reporting on the quantities and end-users of the fuel (A/49/655-S/1994/1272, annex) has not been answered. To the contrary, the Co-Chairmen now attempt to disregard this unacceptable practice altogether, and my Government would request the clarification on the reasons why the latest report did not include information on the transshipments. Further, my Government reiterates the request that the ICFY Mission reports extensively and in detail to this extent.

I would be grateful if you would have the present letter circulated as a document of the General Assembly, under agenda item 148, and of the Security Council.

(Signed) Mario NOBILO
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